

**7-14-2011 PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Present:

Councilman Cheryl L. Earl  
Councilman David L. Montgomery  
Councilman Norman J. Uhteg  
Supervisor Mary L. Hannon

Absent:

Councilman Daniel L. Miller

Also Present:

Attorney for the Town Linda Joseph  
Town Clerk Betsy A. Marsh  
13 guests

The Sardinia Town Board held a Public Hearing on July 14 2011 at the Town Hall/Community Center, for the purpose of hearing comments on a Special Use Permit application by Waste Management for a proposed liquid solidification process at Chaffee Landfill. The Supervisor called the hearing to order at 6:15 PM, with the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor Hannon stated that Tom Lewis could not be in attendance, but has asked Andrew Nichols to represent Waste Management at this hearing and give a short presentation. Mr. Nichols explained that Waste Management has applied for and been granted a NYS DEC permit modification to accept bulk, non-hazardous liquid waste at the Chaffee facility. He stated that as part of this process, they have applied for a revision to their 360 Permit. He stated that the process Mr. Lewis currently has permitted is to accept waste that has 20% or greater free liquids that are non-hazardous. He explained that the liquid would be put into a tank in the double liner portion of the landfill, absorbent materials would be added, the liquid absorbed, and the material would then be removed from the tank and land filled. He stated he would be more than happy to answer any questions.

The floor was then opened to comments.

Rodney Franz, owner of the Chaffee Water Company, stated that he hopes this Board would listen to his request and make Waste Management guarantee the water in their new well, and stated he needs some kind of guarantee that if something leaches from the landfill and the water is contaminated, they will make it good, as Gernatt was forced to do by the DEC. Councilman Uhteg asked what the radius of the water guarantee by Gernatt is. Mr. Franz stated he thinks it is just the Chaffee Water system, but feels that Waste management should have to, also.

John Schiener of Sardinia stated that Mr. Lewis was very accommodating in allowing townspeople to come up and learn about the process, and stated he had taken advantage of that, but also wanted to know what the time and expense has been that has been put forward by the Town.

William Barrier of Chaffee stated that he also went to Waste Management for the meeting, and saw what they will be using for absorbent material. He stated it is ground up, chipped up vinyl, etc, from the inside of vehicles and he asked how anyone is to know what is in that material. He asked if the Town will have a company to test the material, or if Waste management will do those tests, and if something hazardous gets in there, who is accountable?

The Supervisor called three times for further comments. There being none, on a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, the hearing was adjourned at 6:25 PM. Carried, 4 ayes, 1 absent, 0 noes.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Betsy A. Marsh*  
Town Clerk